

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1077
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to recognize Vera Whaley Scarbrough on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Vera Whaley Scarbrough is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-nine years as a teacher at the Oakdale School, and she will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, born February 26, 1944, Vera Scarbrough attended Oakdale High School and graduated Salutatorian of her class in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough attended Tennessee Technological University (TTU) and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, while at TTU, Vera Scarbrough served as the State President of the Student National Education Association, as a student dorm counselor, as a member of student government, and as a feature writer for TTU's newspaper, *The Tech Oracle*; she was also recognized by *Who's Who in America's Colleges and Universities* and, as a member of the Tech Players, garnered the Most Popular Actress award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough obtained a Secondary English Certification after completing graduate courses at the University of Tennessee in 1972; and

WHEREAS, continuing her pursuit of academic growth, Vera Scarbrough graduated summa cum laude with a Master's degree in English from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College in 1987; she also spent a summer studying abroad at Oxford University; and

WHEREAS, during her estimable tenure with Oakdale School, Mrs. Scarbrough has taught language arts on the elementary level, English I-IV, drama, speech, and journalism, a testament to her professionalism and varied expertise as an educator; and

WHEREAS, an erudite and scholarly individual, she has served as an adjunct professor at Roane State Community College since 1987, teaching English 101, English 102, and various literature classes; she was a contributing author for the book, *Students Teaching; Teachers Learning* and is the author and editor of *Oakdale: 1880 To The Present* and *Oakdale: The Legend Continues*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Vera Scarbrough is the recipient of the Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award, the Teacher of the Year Award, and the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award and has received multiple nominations for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous professional and civic organizations and activities, Mrs. Scarbrough is a valued member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Montgomery County Education Association, utilizing her leadership abilities in various posts of service for each; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough has been a member of the Morgan County Election Commission for an impressive tenure of thirty-two years, and currently serves as its Chairwoman. She also serves as the Director of the Oakdale School's Division of Rural Challenge and has stood as the Director of Oakdale School's Annual School Play and Dinner Theater for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Vera Scarbrough is an active member of the Piney Baptist Church, where she faithfully serves as a youth teacher and an organist; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Vera Scarbrough is most thankful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Paul. Their marriage has been blessed with two children, Dr. Todd Scarbrough and his wife Lisa and Meredith Scarbrough, and three grandchildren, Haley Alexis Scarbrough, Scout Emory Scarbrough, and Riley Edward Scarbrough; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Vera Scarbrough has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Vera Scarbrough upon her commitment to providing the highest quality education to Tennessee's youth, extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.